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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION REPORT: CYPRUS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ALL YUGOSLAV MEDIA JULY 17 AGAIN STRONGLY CONDEMN COUP IN RECURRING ACCUSATIONS OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION, WITH GREECE OFTEN NAMED, STRESSING COUP IS ATTACK ON NONALIGNED AND ALLUDING TO THREAT TO YUGOSLAVIA. EVENTS SOMETIMES LINKED TO CHILE. END SUMMARY.

2. CYPRUS STORIES SPREAD THROUGHOUT ALL UPFRONT PAGES MAJOR DAILIES POLITIKA, BORBA. MOST PROMINENT PAGE-ONE SPACE GIVEN TITO STATEMENT REPEATING "ATTACK-ON-NONALIGNED" IDEA AND CONDEMNING EVENTS AS THREAT TO AREA PEACE. EACH PAPER FOLLOWS STATEMENT WITH TITO'S ZAGREB SPEECH WHICH AGAIN CONDEMNS UNDEFINED FOREIGN INTERVENTION AND REPRISAS THREAT TO PEACE, ALLUDING TO INSTABILITY MIDEAST. STATEMENT, SPEECH BOTH CARRIED TV, RADIO.

3. BORBA EDIT BY BOGDAN DECERMIC TYPICAL OF PRESS COMMENT. HE CITES COUP AS HAVING "ALL RELEVANT ATTRIBUTES TO BE CALLED EXTERNAL AGGRESSION ON INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY...AND IS OPEN ATTACK ON NONALIGNMENT AS A WORLD POLICY," ADDING "AFTER CHILE, CYPRUS IS SECOND NON-UNCLASSIFIED

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ALIGNED COUNTRY EXPERIENCING COUP DIRECTLY ORGANIZED ABROAD."

BORBA ALSO COMMENTS THAT CYPRIAN EVENTS "DISRUPT PEACE AND SECURITY NOT ONLY IN MEDITERRANEAN, BUT IN EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST, TOO." BORBA CONTINUES "THIS IS AN ATTACK ON CURRENT GENEVA CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION...," ADDING "ENERGETIC AND RESOLUTE ACTION (TO CONDEMN FOREIGN INTERVENTION AND SUPPORT MAKARIOS) SHOULD NOT BE DOUBTED."

4. US STATEMENT ISSUED HERE LATE MORNING JULY 16 NOT YET PRINTED BUT POLITIKA'S MOSCOW CORR BAJALSKI WRITES IT IMMEDIATELY QUOTED MOSCOW RADIO. HE ALSO QUOTED MOSCOW QUOTING BEIRUT TO EFFECT THAT "NOT ONLY ATHENS BUT ALSO NATO TAKING PART" IN EVENTS.

5. SARAJEVO'S OSLOBODJENJE CONTENTS COUP "DEALING HEAVY BLOW ON ALL ENDEAVORS TO BASE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ON PRINCIPLES EQUALITY AND RESPECT FOR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND INTEGRITY, AND NONINTERFERENCE, I.E. NONALIGNMENT," ADDING THAT EVENTS "UNMASKING GREEK MILITARY JUNTA'S INTENTIONS AND AMBITIONS AND, INDIRECTLY, ITS PROTECTORS," IT CONTINUES: "YUGOSLAVIA'S WORRIES ARE QUITE WARRANTED, CYPRUS BEING ITS NEIGHBOR."

6. ZAGREB'S VECERNJI LIST FINDS "GLARING" THE "LINK" BETWEEN RECENT "BLOODY EVENTS" AND GREEK GOVERNMENT MEETING TO DISCUSS MAKARIOS LETTER SEEKING DEPARTURE OF GREEK OFFICERS.
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